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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR.

GREENLEAF CLARKE.

TOWN CLERK.

S. BURLEY MASON.

REPRESENTATIVE.

WILLIAM C. TODD.

SELECTMEN.

ISAAC S. NOYES. MOSES B. STEVENS.

CHARLES B SARGENT, JR.

TREASURER.

GILMAN GREENOUGH.

COLLECTOR.

ALFRED B. LITTLE.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JOHN DOW.

AUDITORS.

ISAAC R. HOVEY. CHARLES C. GREENOUGH.

ROBERT M. BIRMINGHAM.

CONSTABLE.

JAMES KNIGHT.

Selectmen's Report.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1882.

Land and buildings,	$238,250 00
Number of polls, 151; value,	15,100 00
Number of horses, 118, value,	7,100 00
Number of neat stock, oxen, 26; cows, &c., 386,	12,150 00
Number of sheep, 5,	20 00
Carriages,	1,325 00
Hogs,	240 00
Stock in public funds,	6,200 00
Money at interest,	31,228 00
Stock in trade,	3,250 00
Total valuation,	$314,863 00

On which valuation the Selectmen have assessed the following amount, at one dollar per one hundred dollars :

State tax.	$712 00
County tax,	897 61
Town tax,	800 00
School tax,	623 00
Per centage,	116 02
Non-resident highway tax,	145 30
Dog tax,	43 00
School-house tax, District No. 3,	300 00
Per centage,	11 53
Total amount in Collector's warrant,	$3,648 46

The Selectmen have received and paid into the Treasury the following sums:

Railroad tax,	$72 88
Savings bank tax,	48 36
Literary fund,	28 98
Bounties from the State,	9 90
George P. Dow, for old plank,	2 00
Town of Plaistow, " "	1 00
Wm. C. Noyes, " "	2 00
Whole amount received,	$165 12

The Selectmen have given orders on the Treasurer as follows:

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1, C. F. Noyes,	$154 00
" 2, S. P. Foote,	154 00
" 3, Charles Fernald,	154 00
" 4, A. McKinnon,	154 00
" 5, J. A. Hall,	154 00
Conley's school tax,	2 32
	$772 32

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

C. S. Hoitt, District No. 10,	$25 19
N. H. Russell, " 9,	34 75
J. W. S. Cook, " 11,	8 63
M B. Stevens, " 7,	40 64
John Little, " 8,	16 80
G. M. Kimball, " 6,	6 15
	$132 16

BRIDGES.

J. D. Frost, labor on stone bridge near John Pettingill's,	$10 00
J. W. S. Cook, " " " " "	14 75
John Pettingill, " " " " "	16 20
Use of stone-lifter and posts,	2 40
Wm. C. Noyes, for plank and labor on bridge near his house,	23 40
D. D. Chase & Son, bill, plank for bridge on new road,	9 18
Wm. R. Little, bill, plank for bridge on Providence Hill,	3 60
Moses B. Stevens, drawing plank and labor on bridge on Providence Hill,	2 89
Town of Plaistow, one-half of bill on Plaistow line bridge,	7 80
Isaac S. Noyes, labor and expense on bridge,	3 00
Cyrus F. Noyes, drawing stone,	1 00
	$94 22

MISCELLANEOUS.

George E. Lane, blank books and town officer,	$7 00
E B. Pike, balance bill returning births and deaths,	25
James A. Hale, stationery,	1 26
Edward N. Greenough, land damage, 1881.	17 25
Isaac S. Noyes, " " "	6 00
John Dow, ringing bell,	30 00
Mitchell & Hoyt, printing reports 1881,	18 00
Thompson & Batchelder, inventory books,	1 85
A M. Sawyer. land damage,	85 00
Samuel Noyes, 2d, "	35 00
Greenleaf Clarke (Trustee), rent of hall,	30 00
Wm. H. Hills, surveying Hampstead line,	2 00
Isaac S. Noyes, perambulating " "	2 00
M. B. Stevens, " " "	2 00
C. B. Sargent, Jr., " " "	2 00
Wm. H. Wason, making gate for cemetery, &c.,	5 00
Amount carried forward,	$244 61

Amount brought forward,	$244 61
M. B. Stevens, guide-posts,	4 75
George P. Dow. watering-trough,	2 00
Cash paid bounty on crows,	3 80
Gilman Greenough, paying State and County tax,	85
Enoch P. Hoitt, postage and express, 1881,	1 75
C. S. Hoitt, watering-trough,	3 00
Charles Fernald, care of hall,	2 00
George P. Dow, bill gravel,	9 00
Isaac S. Noyes, postage, stationery,	2 25
	$274 01

TOWN OFFICERS.

Robert Birmingham, auditor, 1881,	$1 50
Isaac R. Hovey, auditor, 1880 & 1881,	3 00
Alonzo Knight, supervisor, two years,	10 00
Isaac R Hovey, supervisor and stationery,	12 45
Charles B. Sargent, supervisor,	10 00
Samuel B. Mason, town clerk,	16 85
John Dow, superintending school committee,	20 00
Gilman Greenough, treasurer,	15 00
Alfred B. Little, collector,	40 00
Charles B. Sargent, Jr , selectman,	28 00
Moses B Stevens, "	31 00
Isaac S. Noyes, "	55 00
	$242 80

SNOW BILLS.

Daniel W Goodnow,	2 00

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX.

Paid Charles Fernald, school-house tax District No. 3,	$300 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

William T. Bragdon's List, 1881.

James H. Ayer, poll tax,	$1 08
Michael Birmingham, over tax,	1 62
Samuel French, dog "	1 00
	$3 70

Alfred B. Little's List, 1882.

Daniel E. Cook, poll tax,	1 00
Foster H. Glover, "	1 00
Samuel P. Foote, dog tax,	1 00
Wm. B. Little, "	1 00
Frank P. Thomas, "	1 00
Frank P. Wheeler, poll tax,	1 37
Asa C. Gorden, "	1 37
	$11 44

The Selectmen have also assessed the valuation of the town at the rate of 30 cents on $100, for the support of highways, and apportioned the money as follows:

District No. 1, Charles B. Sargent, Jr.,	$129 87
" 2, Daniel W. Goodnow,	131 34
" 3, Charles Fernald,	79 23
" 4, Wm. C. Noyes,	138 65
" 5, George P. Dow,	94 86
" 6, George M. Kimball,	49 40
" 7, Moses B. Stevens,	43 71
" 8, John Little,	29 62
" 9, N. H. Russell,	14 00
" 10, C. S. Hoitt,	46 03
" 11, J. W. S. Cook,	18 16
" 12, Charles A. Knight,	24 40
	$799 27

RECAPITULATION.

Amount in Collector's warrant,	$3,648 46	
" received from other sources,	165 12	
		$3,813 58
Paid on account of schools,	$772 32	
" non-resident highway orders,	132 16	
" account of bridges,	94 22	
" for miscellaneous expenses,	274 01	
" town officers,	242 80	
" snow paths,	2 00	
" abatement of taxes,	11 44	
" school house tax, Dist. No. 3,	300 00	
" State tax (by treasurer)	712 00	
" County tax, "	897 61	$3,438 56
Balance to pay debt and interest,		$375 02

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC S. NOYES,
MOSES B. STEVENS,
CHARLES B. SARGENT, Jr., } Selectmen of Atkinson.

Collector's Report.

The Collector charges himself with:

Amount in warrant,	$3,648 46
And credits himself:	
By receipts of Treasurer,	3,345 30
Balance in his hands (uncollected),	$303 16

ALFRED B. LITTLE, Collector.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer charges himself with :

Cash received from Treasurer of 1881,	$80 88	
" " " State for bounties,	9 90	
" " " " Railroad tax,	72 88	
" " " " Savings Bank tax,	48 36	
" " " " Literary fund,	28 98	
" " " Collector of 1881,	252 00	
" " " " 1882,	3,345 30	
" " " Selectmen for lumber,	5 00	
" " " Sundry town notes,	1,900 00	
		$5,743 30

He credits himself as follows :

By paying State tax,	$712 00	
" County tax,	897 61	
" Selectmen's orders,	1,828 95	
" Town notes,	2,000 00	
" Interest on debt,	95 67	
" Non-resident highway tax,	42 12	
		$5,576 35
Cash in hands of Treasurer		$166 95

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Town Liabilities.

Due on town notes,		$1,900 00

Assets

Due from State bounties,	$3 80	
" Taxes of 1881,	11 00	
" " 1882,	303 16	
Cash in treasury,	166 95	$484 91
Balance against the town,		$1,415 09
Town debt reduced the past year,		$231 13

GILMAN GREENOUGH, Treasurer.

The entire town debt consists of four notes amounting to $1,900, which has been hired during the past year for 4 per cent. interest.

The foregoing is a correct statement of the financial condition of the town March 1, 1883, as appears from the books of the Selectmen, Collector and Treasurer. We find the accounts correctly kept and satisfactorily vouched for.

ISAAC R. HOVEY,
CHARLES C. GREENOUGH, } Auditors.
ROBERT M. BIRMINGHAM,

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Cyrus F. Noyes, Prudential Committee

The school in this district was taught by Miss Mary E Spollett, in two terms of 10 and 14-8 weeks respectively. Wages paid per month $24. Whole number of pupils attending first term, 15; second term, 14; average daily attendance, first term, 13.6; second term, 11. All attended to reading and spelling, 8 to penmanship, 7 to arithmetic, 4 to geography, 3 to grammar, 5 to composition. Number of visits by parents and citizens, 36 The first term of this school was very good. order fair, as well as I could judge when I visited it, and the scholars made very good progress. The second term opened well, and I expected like results, but on account of sickness I was not able to be present at the close of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Samuel P. Foote, Prudential Committee.

This school was taught by Miss Mary L. Thomas in two terms of 11 and 13 1-2 weeks respectively. Whole number of pupils attending first term, 11; second term, 12; average daily attendance, 11 for both terms. All attended to reading and spelling, 10 to penmanship, 10 to arithmetic, seven to geography, 3 to grammar, 3 to composition, 1 to book-keeping. Number of visits by parents and citizens, 26. Wages paid the teacher $24 per month.

This is Miss Thomas' second year in this school, and I will say, of a truth, this was a *good school* The order was *excellent*, the scholars answered *promptly*, evidently understanding what they had been over Some of the classes made very marked progress, while all have done well.

The faithfulness of the teacher is highly commended.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

CHARLES FERNALD, Prudential Committee.

The school in this district was taught by Miss Mary E. Stevens in two terms of 11 and 9.8 weeks. Whole number of pupils attending first term, 16; second term, nineteen; average daily attendance, first term, 12; second term, 18. All attended to reading and spelling, 19 to penmanship, seventeen to arithmetic, 12 to geography, 5 to grammar, 3 to history, 14 to composition, 19 to vocal music, 4 to algebra. Number of visits by parents and citizens, 69. Wages paid teacher per month, $28.

Miss Stevens is an experienced teacher, well qualified to fill any position in our schools, consequently a great deal was expected of her, and I can safely say, I do not think any one has been disappointed. The scholars have been very quiet and studious, and have made as good progress as could be desired.

DISTRICT No. 4.

ANDREW MCKENNON, Prudential Committee.

The school in this district was taught by Miss Charlotte A. Churchill, in two terms of 11 and 13 weeks. Whole number of pupils first term, 10; second term, 7; average daily attendance, 7 for both terms. All attended to reading and spelling, 6 to penmanship 6 to arithmetic, 4 to geography, 4 to grammar, one to history, 4 to composition, 8 to vocal music, one to physiology, one to algebra. Number of visits by parents and citizens, 22. Wages paid per month to teacher, $24.

The Committee in this district was fortunate in procuring an experienced teacher. The school has always appeared well, order good, scholars studious, answers prompt,evidently understanding what they were doing. I wish this teacher could have had thirty scholars to drill, instead of seven or eight; she would have made a better showing.

DISTRICT No. 5.

JOHN HALL, Prudential Committee.

This school was taught by Miss Mary E. Tabor in three terms of 9, 10 and 7 weeks, respectively. Whole number of pupils attending first and second terms, 7; third term, 5; average daily attendance, first term 6 5.10; second term, 5; third term, 4 5.10. All attended to reading and spelling, 6 to penmanship, 6 to arithmetic, 5 to geography, 2 to grammar, 2 to composition, 7 to vocal music. Number of visits by parents and citizens, 66. Wages paid per month $22.50.

The teacher in this district has had some experience, this being her second year in this town. This school has been very small the past year, but what has been lacking in numbers, has in a measure been made up by the *quality* of the pupils who constitute the school. I would particularly notice the primary class, which would be hard to beat in any school of the same grade in the State. I think the teacher has done her part in a faithful, conscientious manner

Whole number attending the several public schools in town the past year, 64. Average daily attendance for the year, 50.5.

Amount appropriated to schools the past year, $770, divided equally among the several districts—$154 to each district

Taking the average daily attendance as the basis, it has cost to school each child in town the past year, $15.40.

The highest cost in any school, $30.80; the lowest, $10.26.5. Rather high tuition, we should say, if we were sending our children to the academy and paying it out of our own pockets, as we do for our public schools

I am happy to say that all our schools have given some attention to music the past year, notably Districts No. 3 4 and 5. This is truly a pleasing exercise, and rightly conducted, becomes soul inspiring. I hope our teachers in the future will give more attention to this subject. I would recommend a half hour, at least, each day to be devoted to singing.

The great object for which our public schools are maintained is the moral and intellectual training of our youth. I fear there is dan-

ger of making the intellectual paramount to the moral. The necessity of the moral training of our youth is of the highest importance This fact, I fear, has in a measure been lost sight of by too many of our teachers not alone in this town, but all over the land.

It is not so strange, perhaps, that this should be the case when we remember that success in teaching is measured largely by the results of intellectual training. What we need to-day is honest, truthful men and women in every position of life, all over our country.

Where are they coming from? I answer, largely from our common schools How important, then, that our teachers should by example and precept inculcate right principles. We want the heart to be right, for out of it are the issues of life.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DOW, Supt. of Schools.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

FIRST TERM.

ALBERT C. BARNARD.
WILLIE CYR.
ALFRED S. MORGAN.
HARRY I. NOYES.

SECOND TERM.

ALFRED S. MORGAN.
NETTIE A. MASON.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

FIRST TERM

GEORGE P. GOVE.

SECOND TERM.

WILBUR W. SMITH.
BERTIE E. SMITH.
GEORGE P. GOVE.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

FIRST TERM.

FRANK KNIGHT
WALTER S NOYES
JOSIAH I. WRIGHT
ALICE F. STEEL,
LUCINDA J. NOYES.
BLANCHE CALEF

SECOND TERM.

FRANK KNIGHT.
FRED M. KNIGHT.
WALTER S. NOYES.
JOSIAH I. WRIGHT.
ALICE P. CALEF
MARY L. NOYES.
ALICE F. STEEL.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

FIRST TERM

ANNA G. HOITT.
BERTHA L HOITT.

SECOND TERM.

ANNA G. HOITT.
BERTHA L. HOITT.
EVERETT H POOR.

DISTRICT NO 5.

FIRST TERM.

CLARENCE M. TREFRY.